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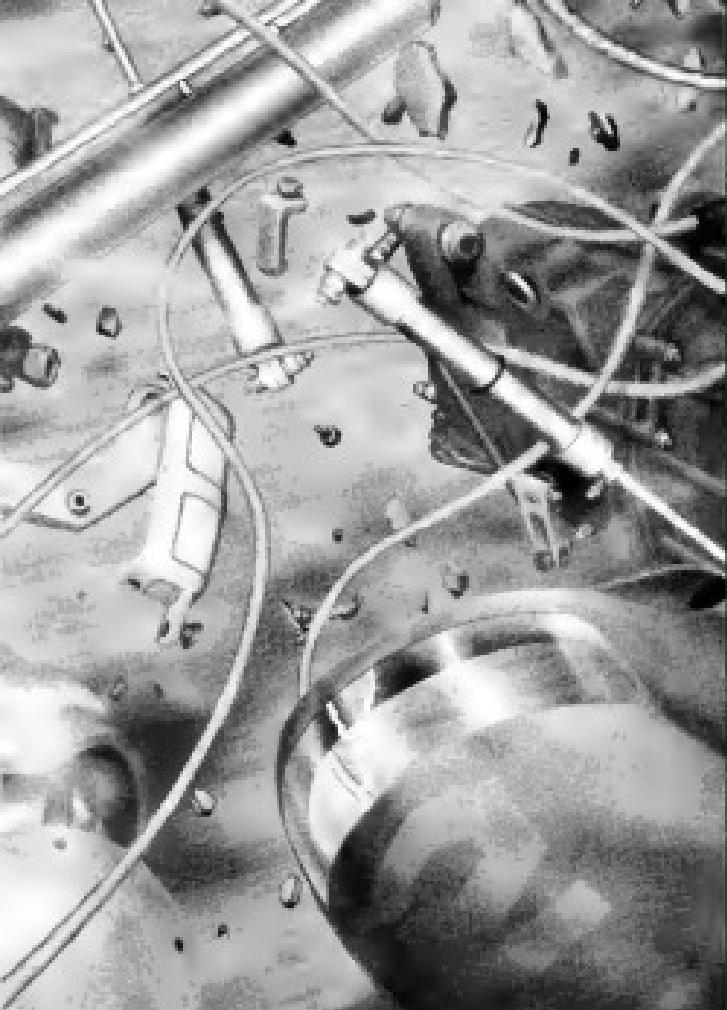
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TRAILER OF AN ANGEL,
KODANSHA
WORLD OF VICTORY
WORLD OF REDEMPTION
WORLD OF DEATH
WORLD OF CRAZY
FALLEN WORLD,
KODANSHA LITERATURE
AMERICAN VICTORY

RACE 1:
THE OPEN PATHWAY





**RACE 1:
THE OPEN PATHWAY**

WARG!

abom WHOOM

SHEE oam

GET THE
RESULTS
BACK
FROM
HER
PHYSICAL



"NOTHIN'
OUT OF
THE
ORDINARY
BUT STILL
IT
AS A
PICTURE!"

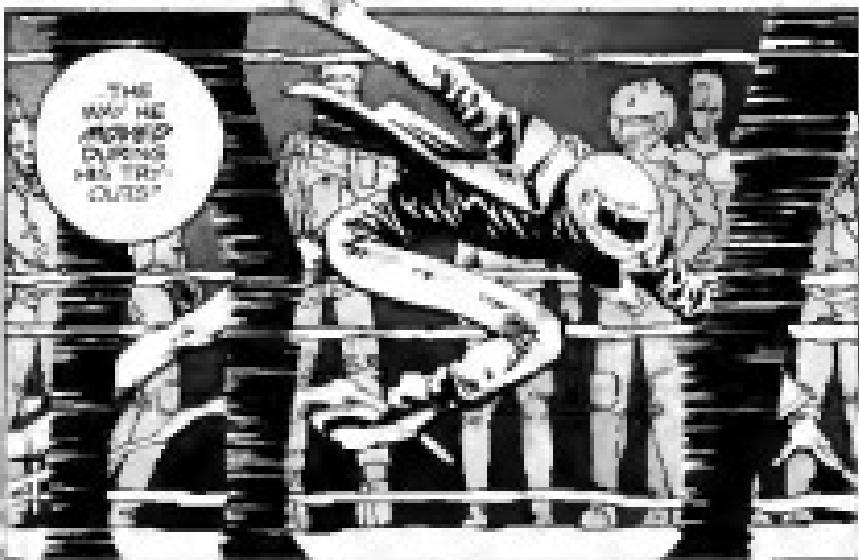
HE'S LUCKY
TO SAY THAT
FOR HEAVY
MORON CIRCUMSTANCES
THAN ANY
OTHER MORTAL
WALKS EARTH.
HIS BRAIN IS TOTALLY
GONE, LEAVING
A DEEP
CRATER
OF BLOOD.

"GET OUT!"

"WANTED
NO DOG
MURKIN A
CRIME WITH
THE
CRIMES."

"NAA,
HE'S JUST
A GENIUS.
THAT'S ALL."





I HEAR DAY
TAKES A WELL
OF IRON TO
MAKE IT ON
THE PRO
CIRCUIT

IT'S A CUTTHROAT
WORLD. MILLIONS
OF CHIPS IN YOUR
HANDS. YOUR NOT
WORTH DETER-
MINED BY THE
MEMBERSHIP IN
THE MONITOR
BEATS BUT
WILL OR NO--

...THAT
MAY
STILL
HAVE A
FUTURE

SO WHAT
IF HE'S
CRASHED
A FEW
DOODEN
TIRES

SO WHAT
IF

MY REP
AS TEAM
MANAGER
IS ON
THE LINE

CANT
YOU TALK
TO THE
CHAMBERS?

HE
HASN'T
FINISHED
ONE ADVICE

CUSHER

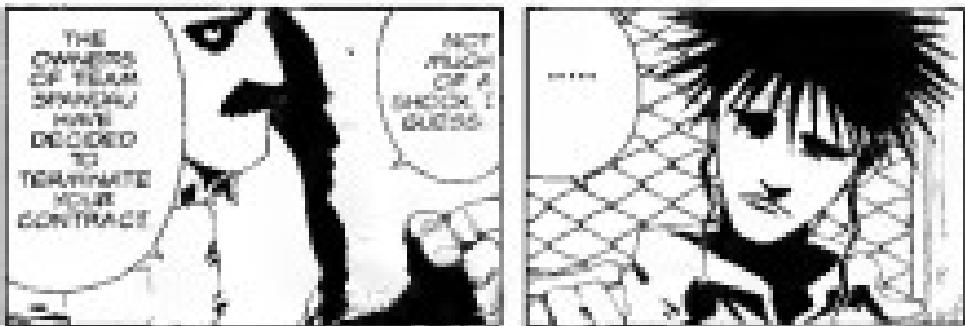
JUST SEE
IT THROUGH.
THAT'S ALL
I'M ASKIN'. A
MONITORING LIST
WHO DON'T
HAVE TO RELY
ON POWER
OR WEIGHT--
JUST
TALENT,
IMAGINATION!

OH OH,
I WOULD
HAVE

BUT
MONDO
GILL ISN'T
A GHOST
ANYMORE--
THE
AUDIENCE
COMES
FOR THE
VIOLENCE!



MURKIN





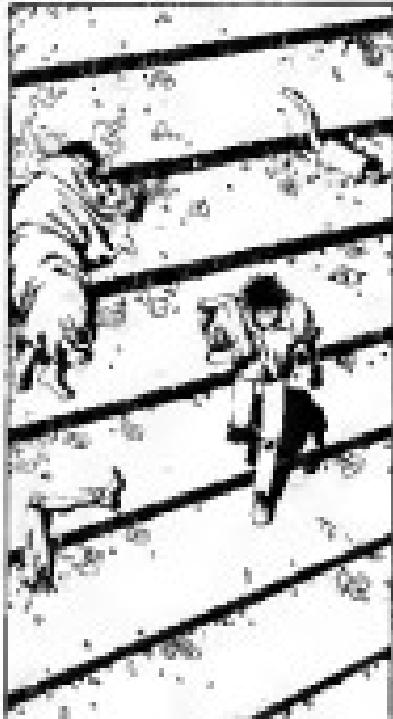


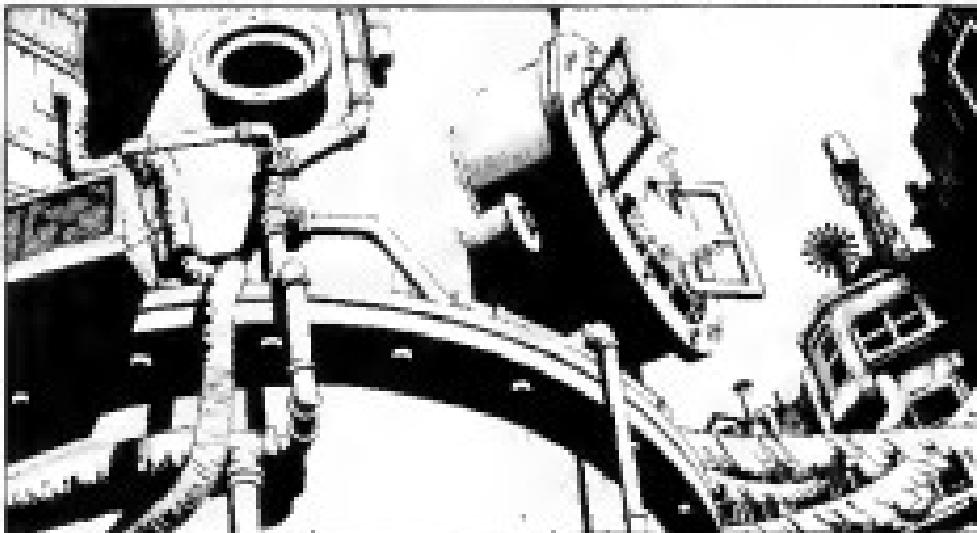
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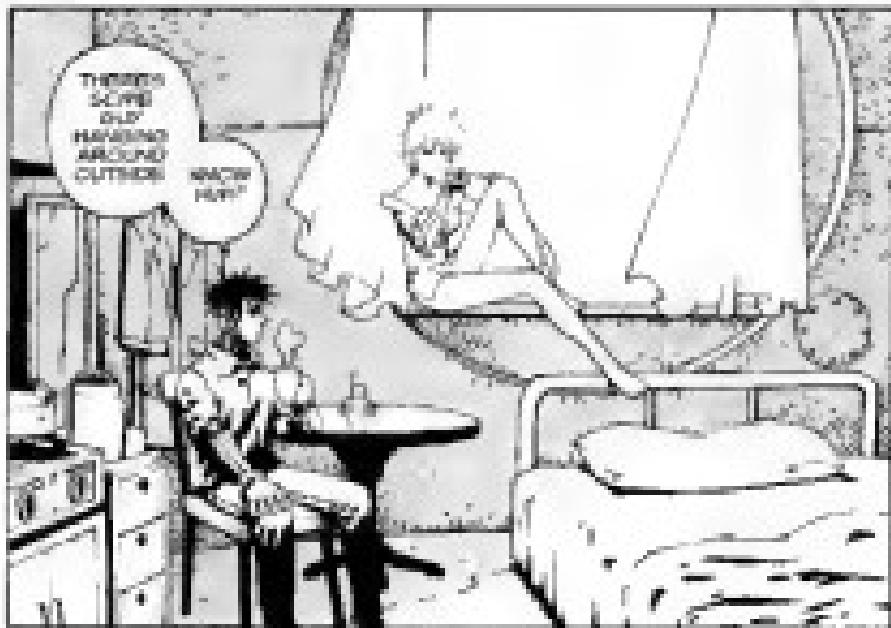


TOUGH, IT AINT EASY TO FLY IN THIS STATE OF MIND





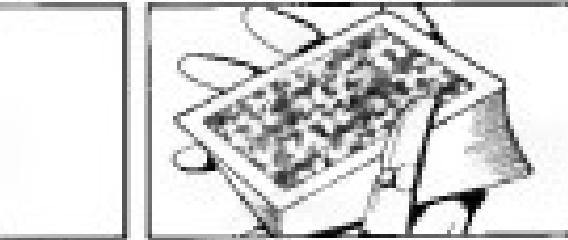












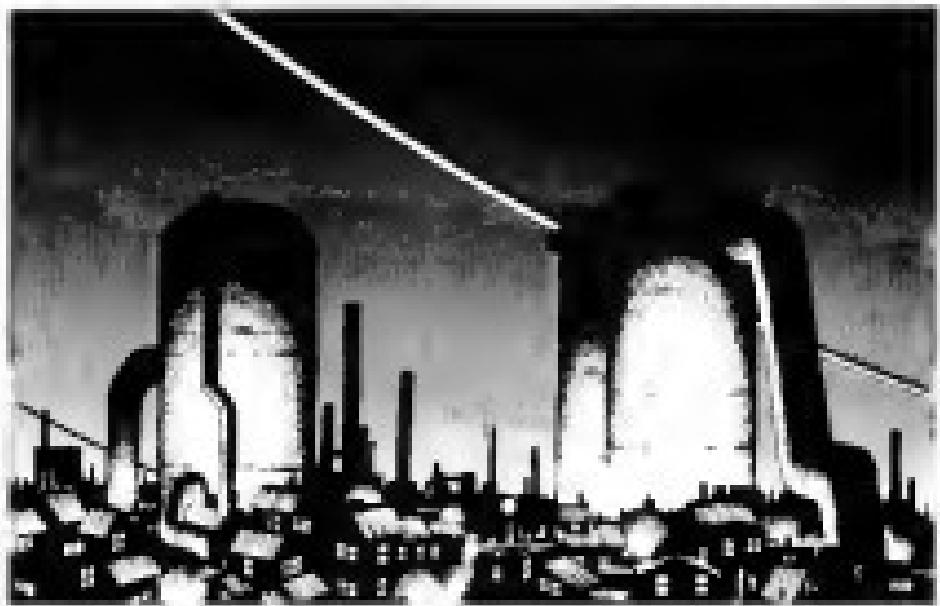


AND
THIS TIME
YOU'RE
GOING TO
WIN!

YOU AREN'T
SLOW TO
VICTORY

YOU'VE
JUST
FORGOTTEN
IT—THAT'S
ALL







MR. BRAINS
AND FUZZY THE
LOST ALL
MEMORY ON
MR. BRAIN'S
PLACE.

WAS
IT JUST
ME AND THE
OTHERS?



MR. BRAINS
FOULD BE DOWN
AT ALDORI
CIRCUIT,
FOR LONG
MONTHS
AGO.

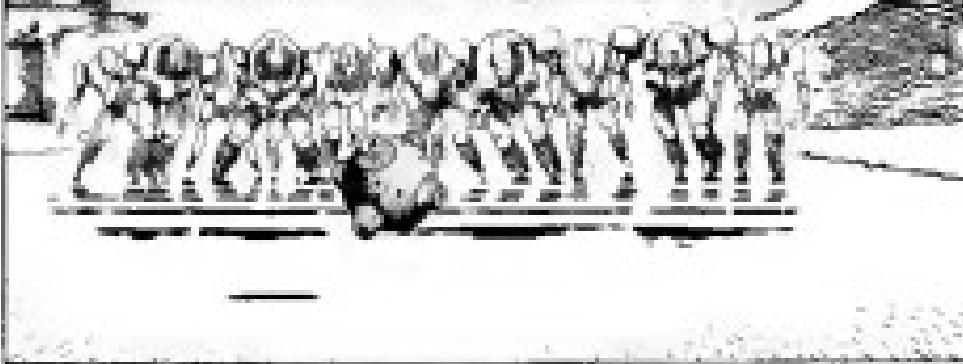
SACRED
EVENING
ON A
FESTIVE
NIGHT.



FNUOOOM



WHEEEOM



WHY WAS
THAT WHEN

A PERSON
GOT ON
THE TRAIN?



YEAH

NO ONE
KNOWS
WHAT THE
WALL

WE'RE
GOING TO
CALL HIM
THE
MARATHON
MAN



HIS
MOUTH

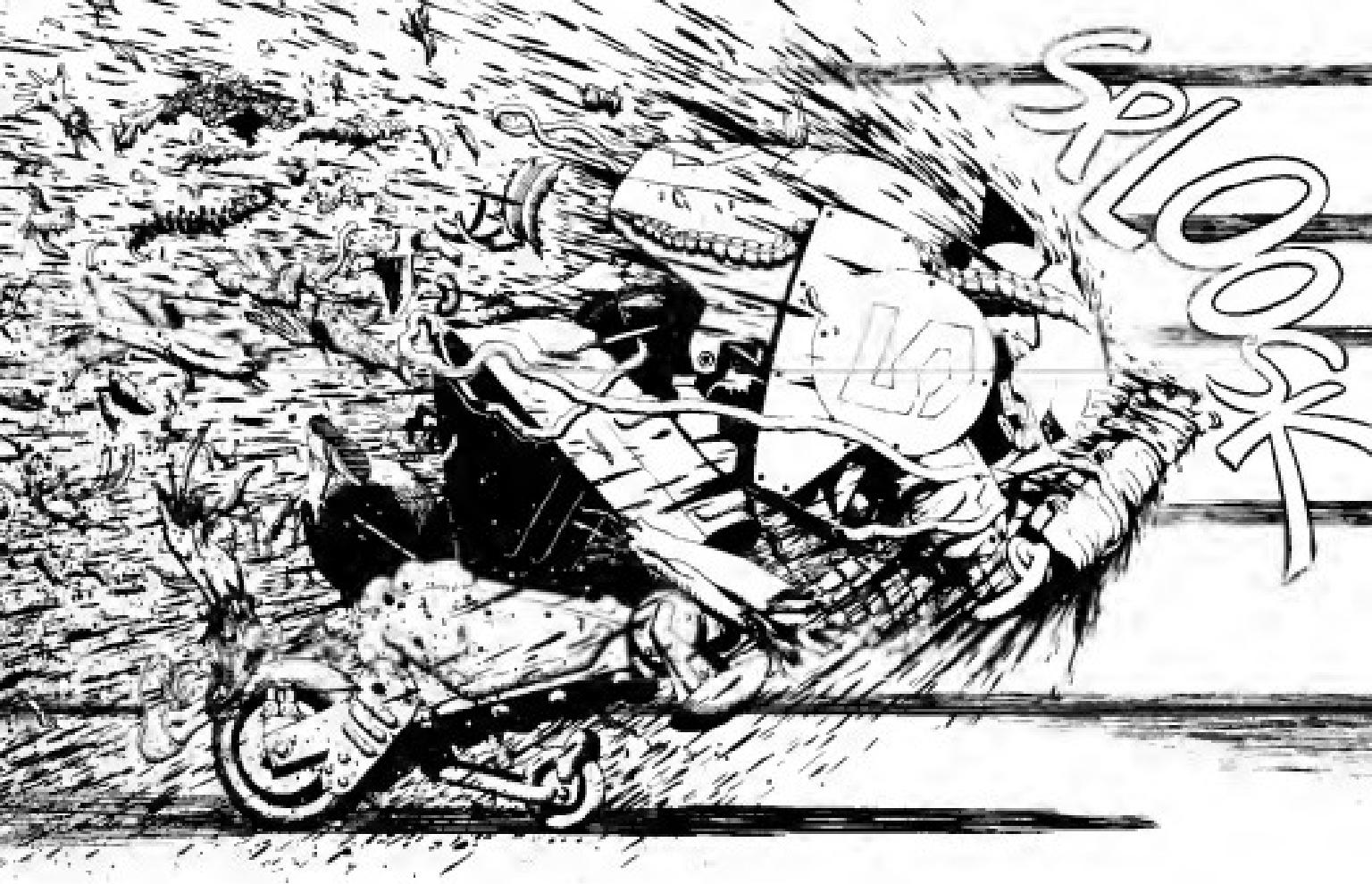
HIE WAS
LAUGHING.

THIS
BIG HUNGRY
GRIN ON
HIS FACE!
HE'S TOU
GHT WRITTEN
DOWN AT
LEAST 300
KILOMETERS
AN HOUR!



AND
SHED
YOU -





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RAGE 2: SELF-DESTRUCT



WHERE AM I?



WHO AM I?



Booom

MURKIN

WHY AM I HERE?



I-I DONT UNDERSTAND...





WHO IS THAT?



WHO IS THAT SCREAMING?



RUN! LET YOUR SPASTIC
EYES FILL WITH FEAR!

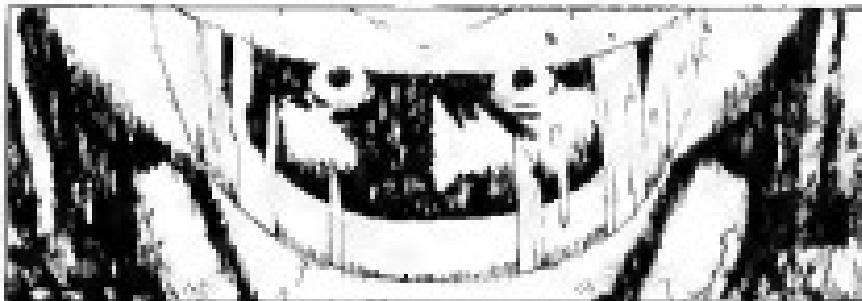
FEED! TASTE THE CHAOS OF BREAKING
BONES AND GRINDING METAL!

YOU KNOW YOU WANT IT--
THE ADRENALINE!

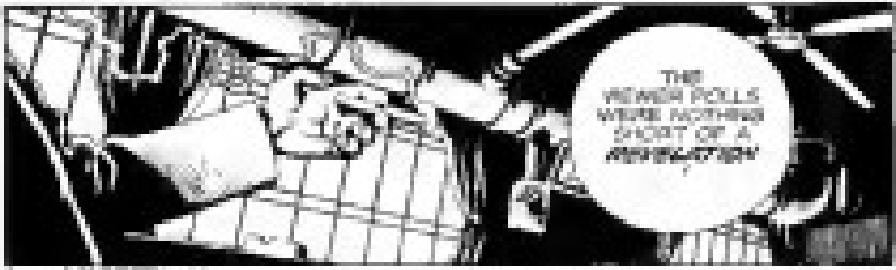
OOKI



I-I REMEMBER



I REMEMBER NOW



THE
POWER POLLS
WERE NOTHING
SHORT OF A
DISASTER



THE
MEDIA IS
TOUCH
IN.



THE
AUDIENCE
IN OUR
MONITORING
SEATS
PREFERS TO
EXPERIENCE
A CRASH
THAN THE
SO-CALLED
THRILL OF
VICTORY





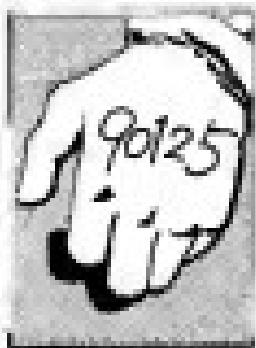


THE SELF-
DESTROYING
MAN WHO
DOESN'T
FEAR DEATH
ITSELF!

"GAROU
KING" SHOKU
RETURNS TO
MOTORBALL!







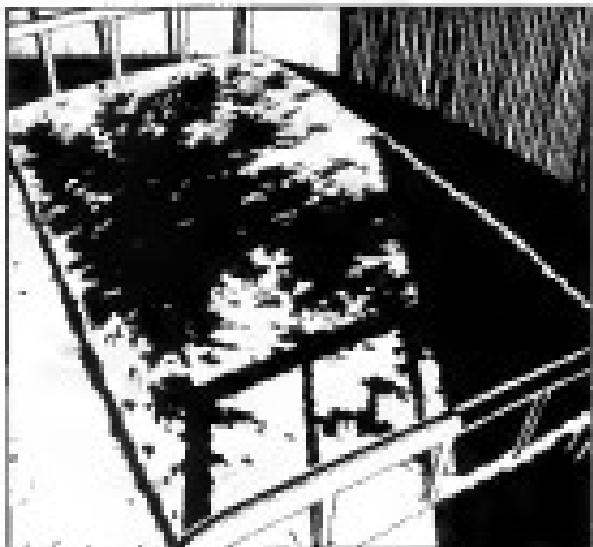




BERETTA...









NIGHT
IS
FITTING
ACCIDENT
FOR MY
STORY





ADDON
ADDON
ADDON

MY MARATHON
PLAN

I KNOW
EVERY ACTOR
OF YOUR
DISAPPEARING

THIS IS NOT
THE WORLD YOU
WOULD HAVE
CHOOSEN

BUT THERE
ARE BETTER
WORLDS OUT
THERE!

SOMEONE IS CRYING.









THIS THIS IS A FRIGHTENING PLACE

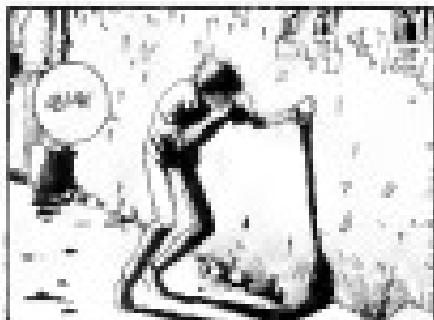


I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THAT





MUST... NOT... LET THE ANGER... OUT.





MUST NOT.. ANGER.. NO!



KRAK



IF I DONT CONTROL IT, I'LL BE KILLED !



G
WA
AA
AAGH!



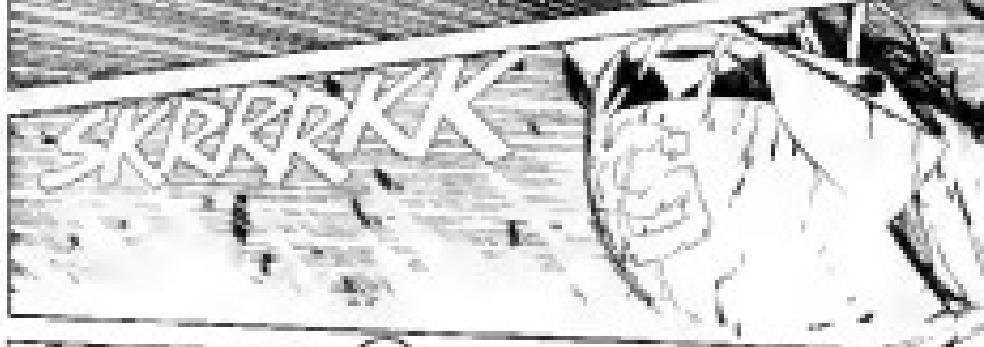
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HA HA!

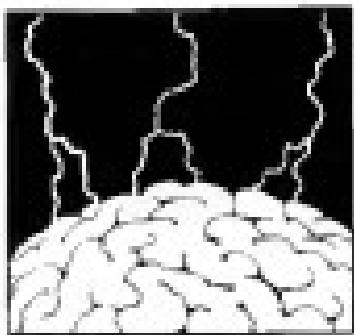
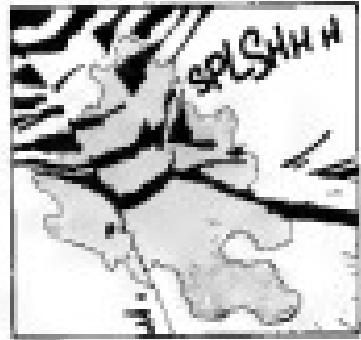


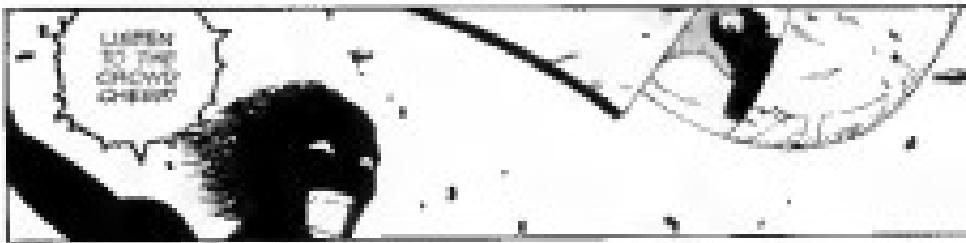
THIS IS THE ONLY THING I CAN DO

SELF
DESTRUCT

!

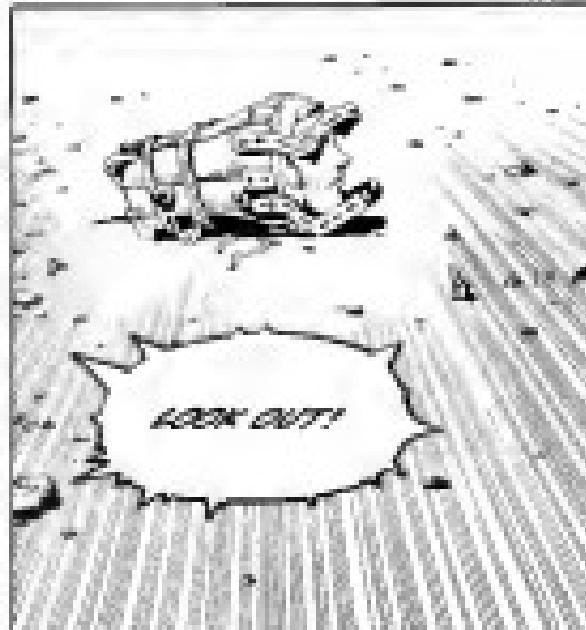








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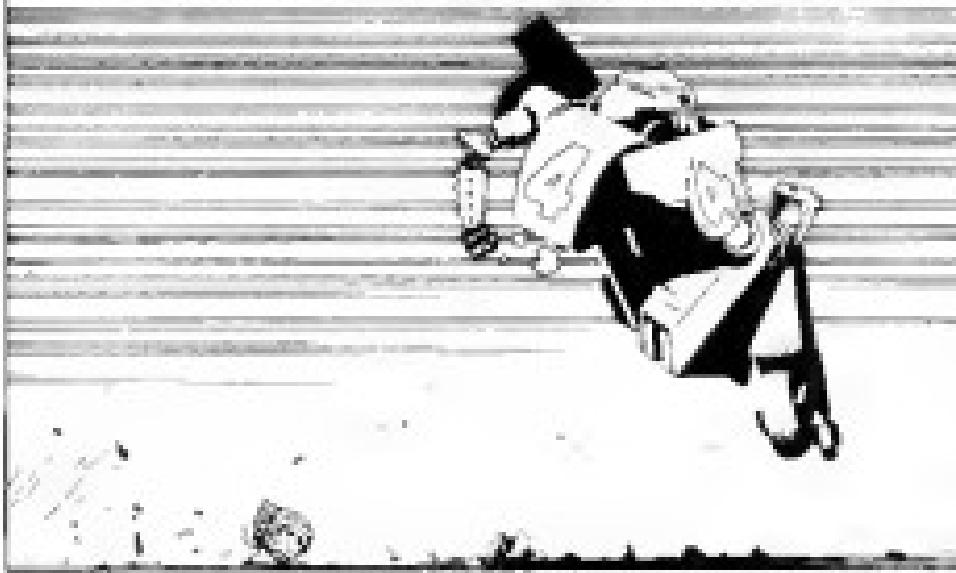


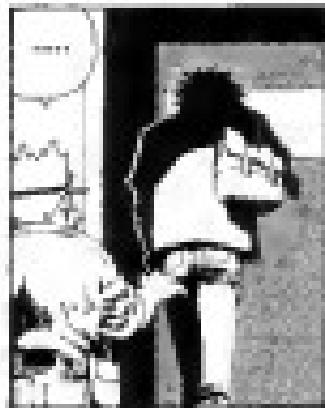
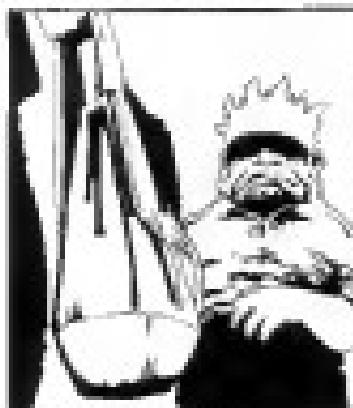


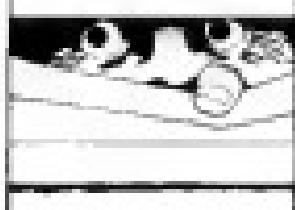
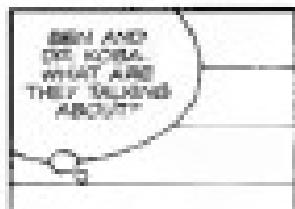
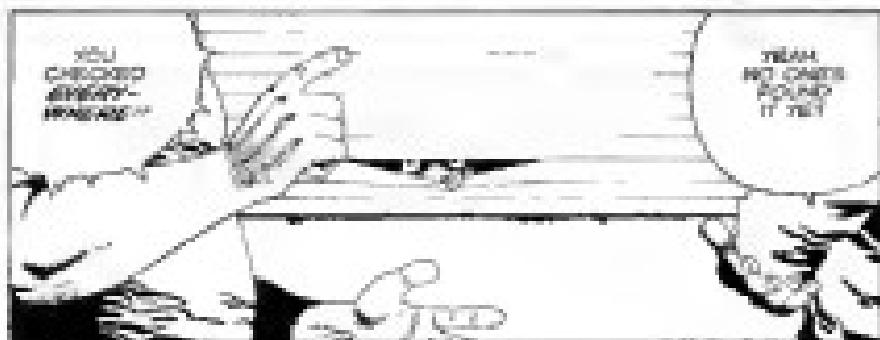
RACE 3: PAIN AND ANGER

Swallow





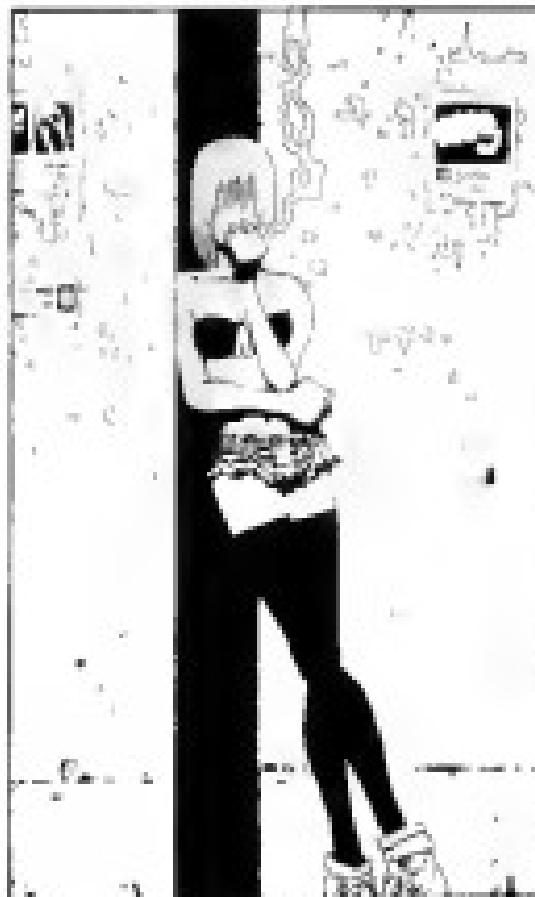


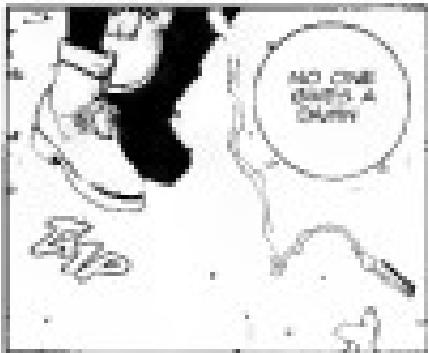


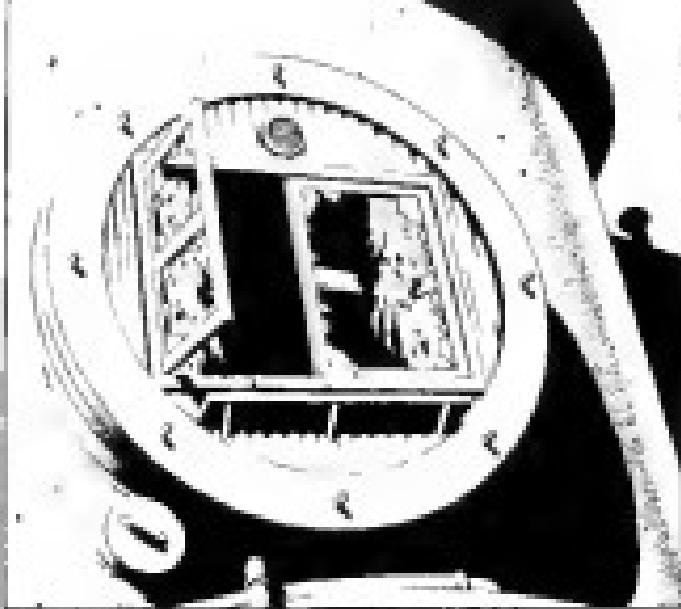


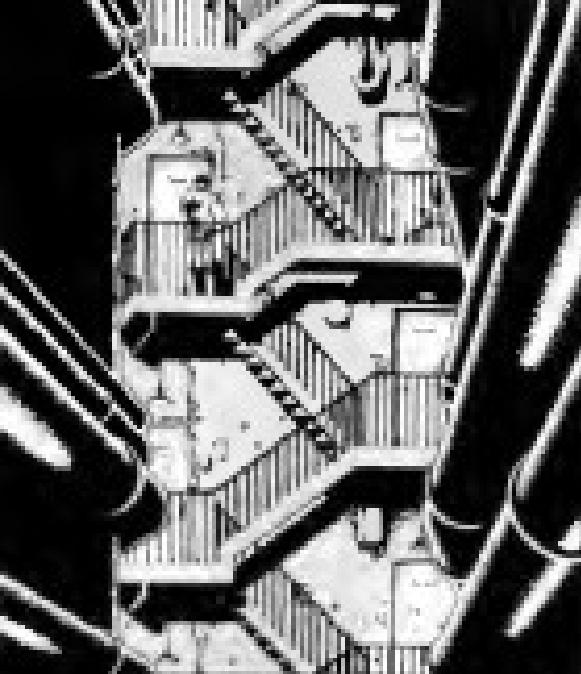












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SNEV

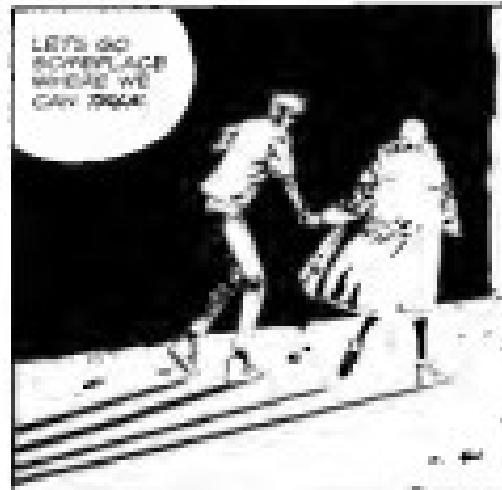
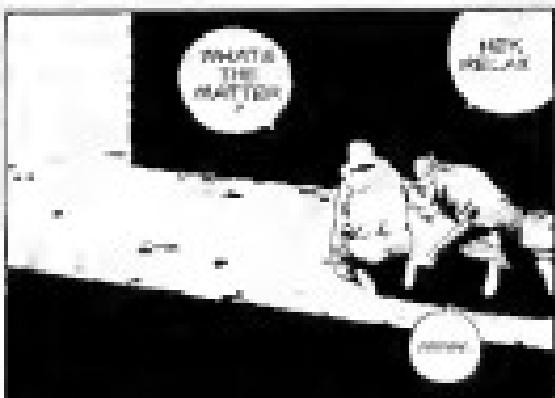
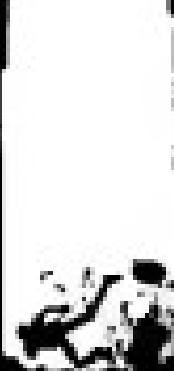








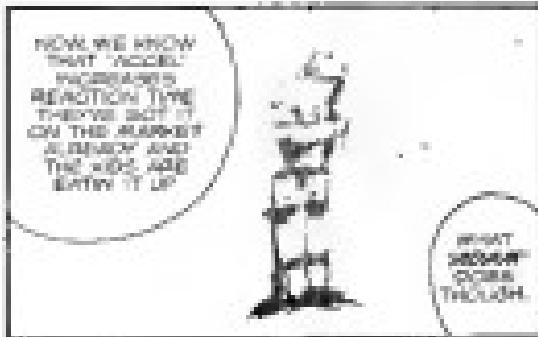
SPLASH



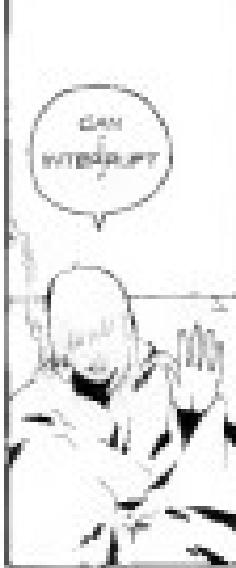


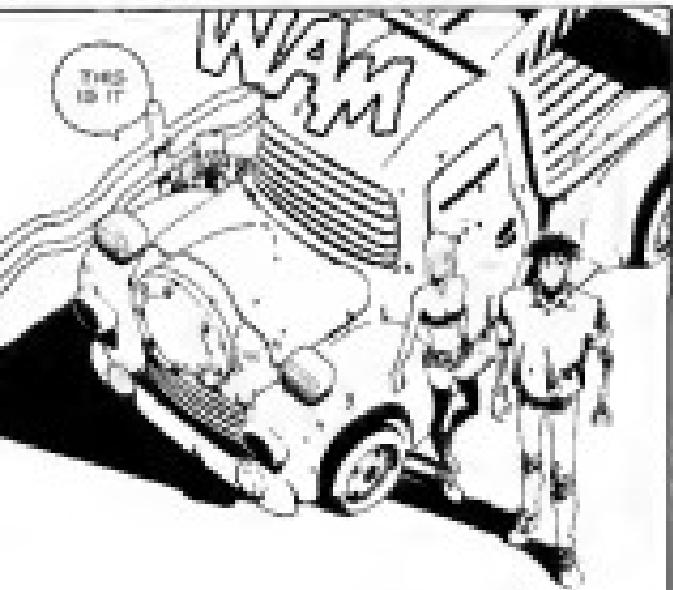


















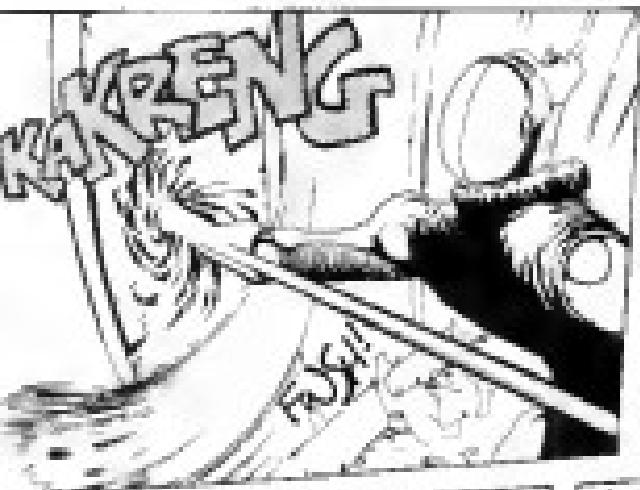




FREE YOUR PAIN...



BRING IT OUT...



TAKE ACTION!

YAAAAGH!



LET OUT YOUR ANGER...

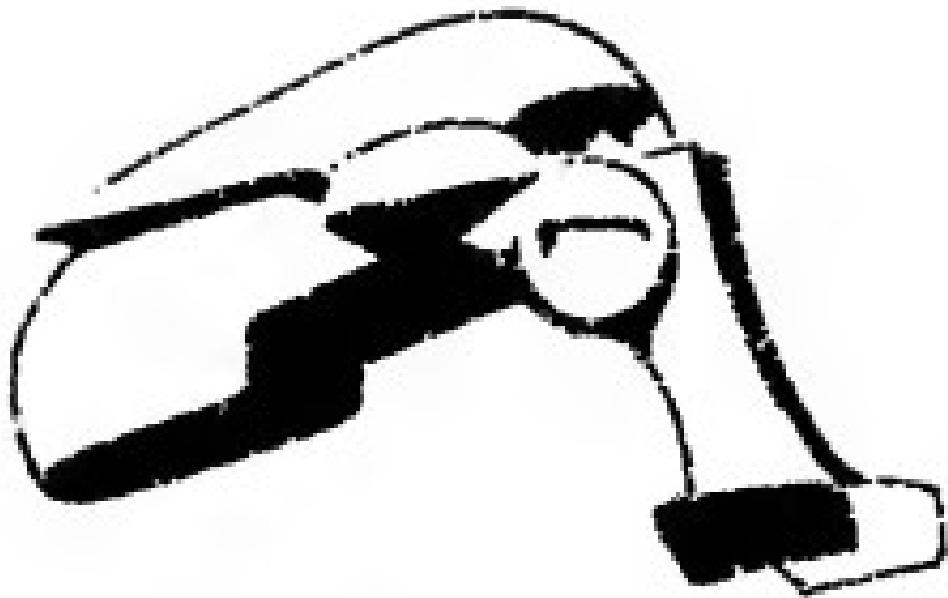


RELEASE IT!

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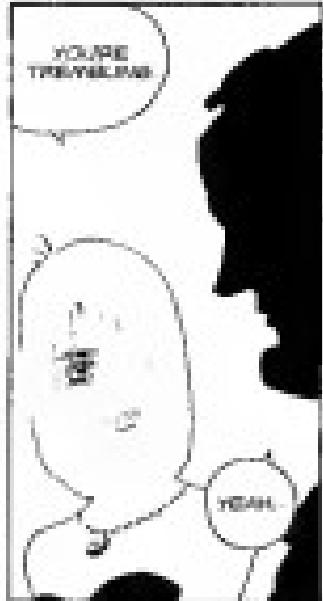
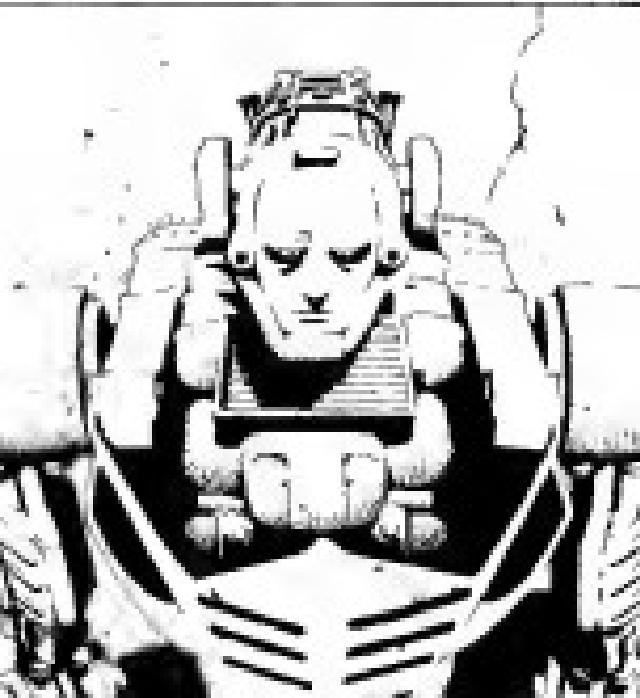
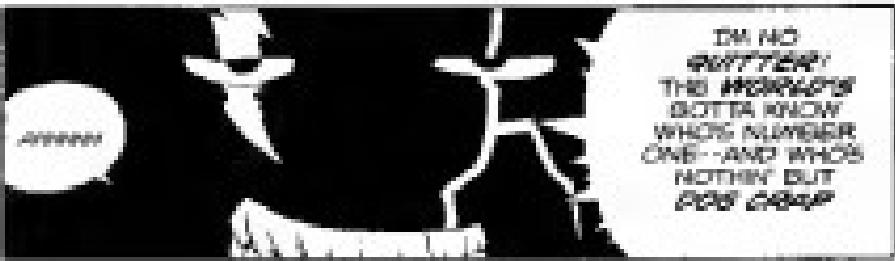


**RACE 4:
ASHES TO ASHES**

JUNE 23 - FRAGODAR CIRCUIT
THE SITE OF WHAT IS TO BECOME
"CRASH KING'S" SHOWS FINAL RACE













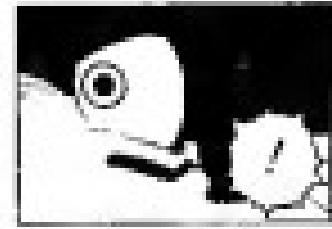
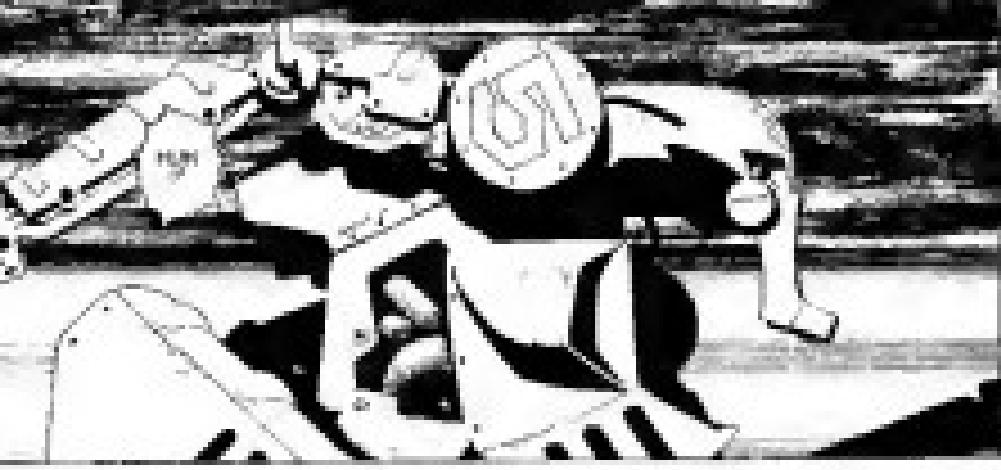






WHEEZY

WHEEZY



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100

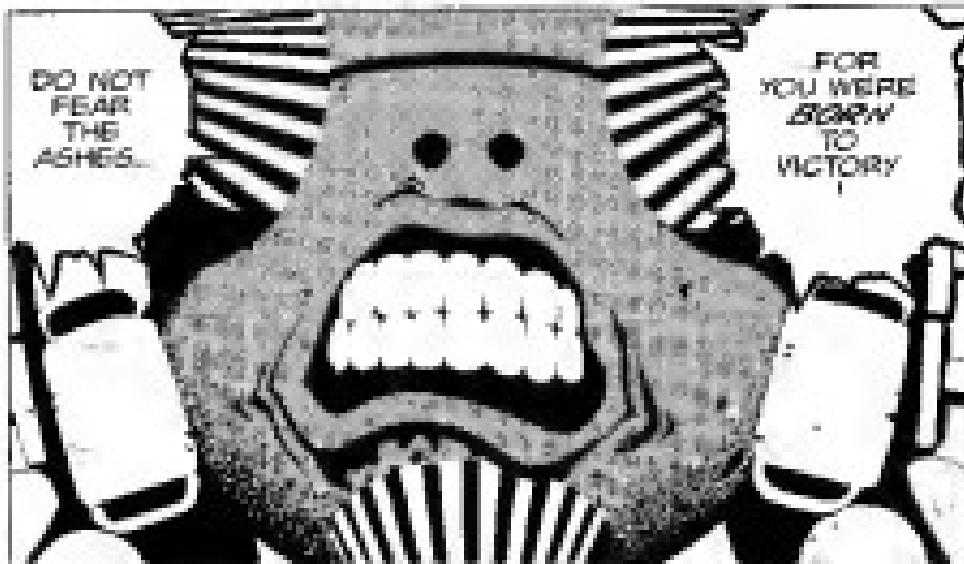
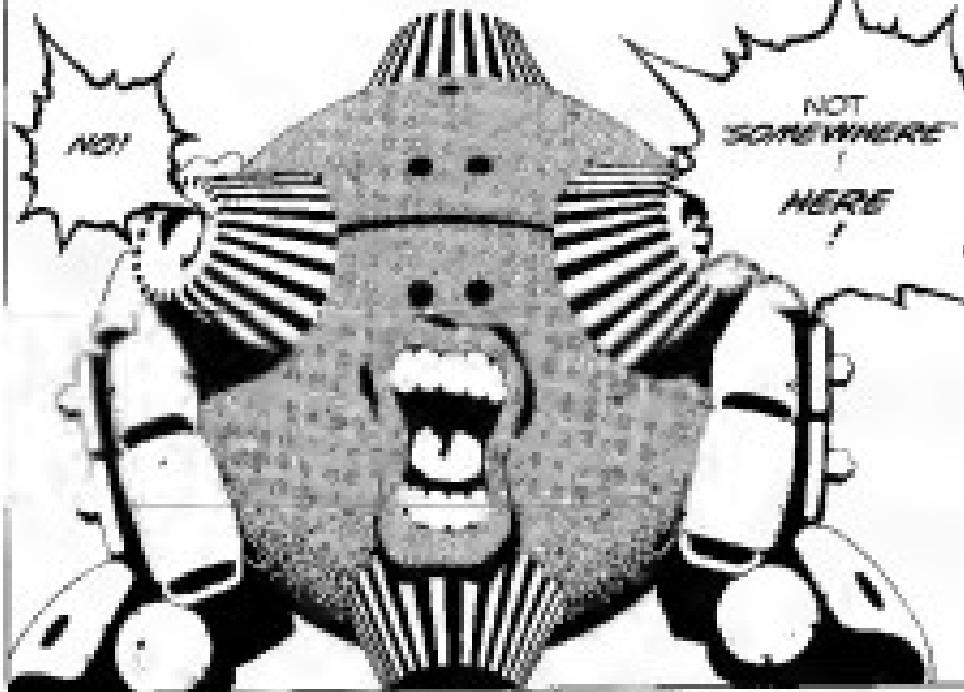
C-CANT
BY
ROBERT A.
HALLMAN
ILLUSTRATED
BY
DOLLEY

卷八

DO YOU
REALLY
THINK YOU
COULD
ESCAPE

FROM
THE HILL
THAT IS
YOUR
SELF."



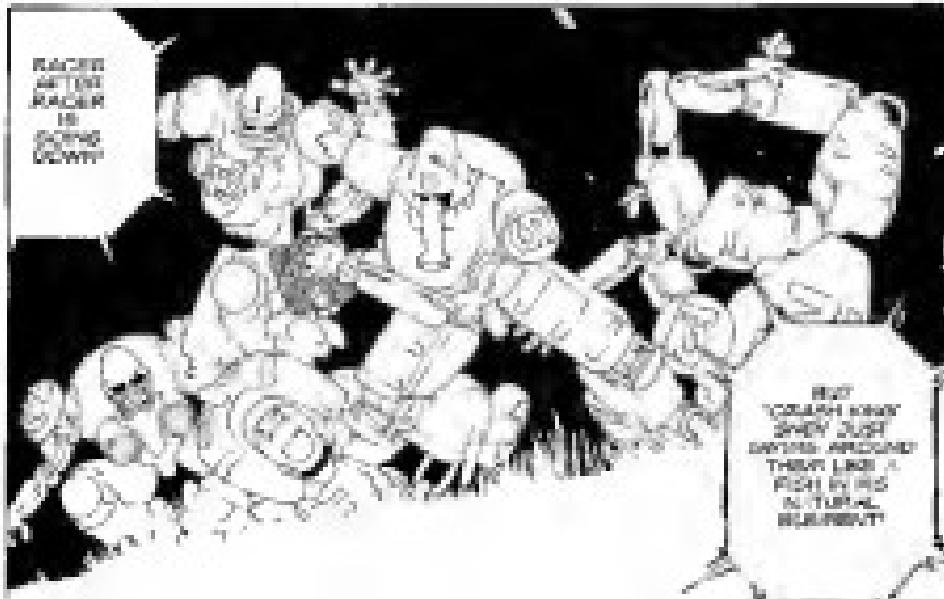
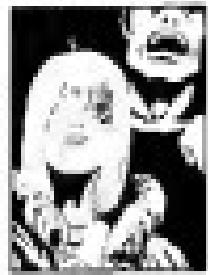


WHAT
A TURN
OF
EVENTS

THE
MOTORBALL
HAS SHIFTED
FROM THE
LILLED PULCABIS
AND INTO THE
HANDS OF
CRACK KING
BENJI

TALK
ABOUT
CASTING
PEOPLE
BEFORE
SHOWTIME











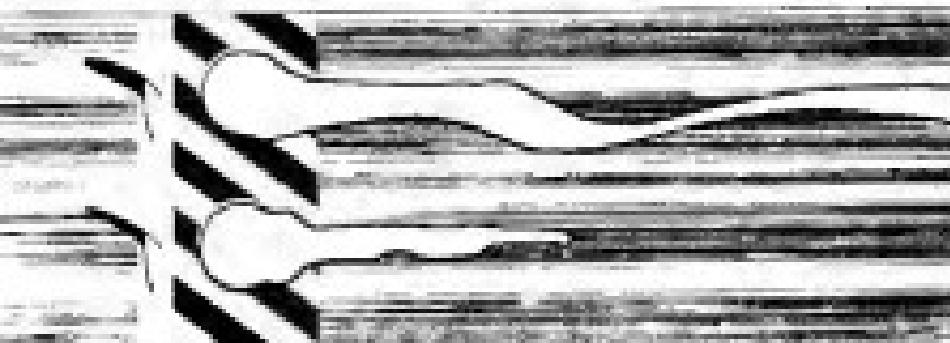




Shattered







THE "ARMAN SCANDAL" TO FOLLOW
WAS A MAJOR, THOUGH NOT FATAL, BLOW
TO THE ANSERL CORPORATION. IT WASN'T
UNTIL ANSERL DEVELOPED "BRAINS," A
NARCOTIC THAT CAUSED NUMEROUS
BRAIN DEATHS IN THE SCRAPPARD, THAT
THE COMPANY WENT UNDER. ITS
FORMER OWNERS ARE NOW ON
THE FACTORY'S BLACKLIST.



DOLADUNOV SIGNED ON WITH A NEW TEAM
AFTER TEAM SPINDRUM DISMISSED UNTIL HIS
RETIREMENT DUE TO OVERUSE OF ACCEL. HE HELD
A RECORD 206 VICTORIES OUT OF 288 RACES



NO ONE KNOWS WHAT BECAME OF SHEV
AFTER THIS HIS LAST RACE

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The End

